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Resolution

Honoring Stephanie S. Messner, OD, FAAO, upon her retirement as Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs of the Illinois College of Optometry

Whereas, Dr. Stephanie S. Messner has dedicated more than four decades to advancing optometric education, clinical training, and academic leadership; and

Whereas, She devoted the majority of her professional career to the Illinois College of Optometry (ICO), serving in progressive leadership roles culminating as Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs, while advancing clinical education, residency training, faculty development, student success, and clinical research; and

Whereas, Dr. Messner provided distinguished leadership to the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education, including service as Council Chair during the COVID-19 pandemic, guiding optometric education programs through unprecedented challenges; and

Whereas, Dr. Messner made lasting contributions to the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry through leadership, mentorship, and the development of the Optometric Education Leadership Institute; and

Whereas, Dr. Messner's distinguished career has been recognized through numerous honors, including the ICO Distinguished Faculty Member Award, the Presidential Medal of Honor from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, and the American Optometric Association President's Award; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that ASCO and its members express their sincere gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Stephanie S. Messner for her extraordinary leadership, dedication to excellence, and enduring contributions to optometric education and the profession; and, be it further

Resolved, that the ASCO family extends its warmest congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Messner upon her retirement with the sincere hope for long-lasting happiness and good health in the many years ahead.